PRESIDENT: Order, order. Is it a question or a speech?

MR. P. O. THOMAS: I am just asking the member whether the Government have prepared a list as per the undertaking?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: That list is under preparation, and will be published shortly.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know when the list was begun?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: It was started some time ago. It is a comprehensive list, and it will take some time to finish, as honourable members ought to know.

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: But these questions do not arise here, Sir.

RAO SAHIB A. K. BHASKAR (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*): May I know whether caste could also be made out in the Civil List?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: No.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Are we to take it that hereafter no questions about the caste or religion of the officers should be asked?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Subject to the statement made by the Dewan President.

Agri-Horticultural Society of Trivandrum.

40. *MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state in respect of the Agri-Horticultural Society of Trivandrum formed recently by Government sanction:

(*a*) who the honorary organiser is;
(*b*) his native place;
(*c*) his age;
(*d*) his profession; and
(*e*) the remuneration paid to him as honorary organiser?

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Rao Sahib C. R. Lakshmivaraha Aiyangar, B. A., B. L., Advocate and Proprietor of the South Indian Lekshmi Nursery.

(*b*) Kumbakonam in the Tanjore District.

(*c*) Nearing 70 years.

(*d*) Advocate.

(*e*) Rs. 250 given as honorarium for meeting his out-of-pocket expenses and the staff which may be needed to establish the Nursery business.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether it was not possible to get any Travancorean to take up this work?

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: No Travancorean was available.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Did the Government make any effort to get a Travancorean instead of this foreigner who is nearly 70 years of age?

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: The question of age does not arise. The proposal was put forward by an expert in the field. It was sent to the Director of Agriculture and the Director of Research for report. They all reported that this gentleman was fit for the work...

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MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether Government adverfised the job?

PRESIDENT: Order, order. If anybody from Travancore with experience in this nursery business is today prepared to take up the work, Mr. Lakshmivaraha Aiyangar will be the first person to resign and leave his activities in the State. His nursery is now a fairly celebrated one in South India and seedlings from his nursery are much in demand and are requested for by the Governments of Madras, Bombay and other places. He is probably the best man in this particular line. He has himself spent about a lakh of his own money in this business. If there is anybody in Travancore willing to take up this work, I may assure honourable members that I will ask Mr. Lakshmivaraha Aiyangar to retire from this business here.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: That is not an answer to my question.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. Speeches were made in the House inviting people to start both tanning and nursery. These were made for the last five years. Absolutely no applications were received by Government, and so this choice was made.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I remind the Government that speeches will not invite applications? Only when it is made known by Government that applications are wanted in the matter, can people be expected to apply.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: The answer to part (e) of the question is that the honorarium is Rs. 250. Is it per mensem?

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: Yes, per mensem.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know what the actual remuneration of this officer is?

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: No remuneration.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: It is stated 'Rs. 250 is given as honorarium for meeting his out-of-pocket expenses etc.' May I know the meaning of this out-of-pocket expenses?

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: 'Out-of-pocket expenses and also for the nursery business'—that is the term used. He has to travel to this place and back, so some travelling allowance is provided; he must live here, so there must be provision for it.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: His feeding?

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: While he is in Travancore, he has to be fed also.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know how long he has been in Travancore? Is he here at present?

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: No.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know how long this gentleman is going to be entertained in service?

PRESIDENT: That is not a permissible question.

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MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know how long this Rs. 250 as monthly honorarium is going to be paid to this gentleman? I want to know how long this system will continue.

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: That relates to future action.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know when the post was sanctioned?

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: The place was sanctioned on the 31st October 1945. The gentleman took charge on the 10th November 1945; it is eight months now.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know what work he has done?

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: He has been sending reports regularly (*Laughter*), and the last report made by him was four months back. The whole area set apart has been dug and nurseries have been put up. Graft plants have been got ready for sale to the members of the society. A society has been organised and up to 3rd March 1946, 35 members had been enrolled when applications were only still coming in.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Is he staying in Travancore?

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: I have already answered that he is not staying in Travancore.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Then may I know, how can that gentleman carry on nursery business by staying outside?

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: He will be coming here whenever necessary.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether the sum of Rs. 250 given as honorarium was included in the budget for 1121?

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: I have already told the House that this was sanctioned only on the 31st October 1945 and the officer took charge on the 16th November 1945.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know, what was the urgency in starting a thing like that?

PRESIDENT: Question Number 41.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Sir, we want elucidation on another point. May I know who manages this institution during the absence of the honorary Organiser and whether he is a Travancorean or an outsider?

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: The Honorary Adviser has a staff here. The work is being carried out with the advice and co-operation of the Director of Research, the Director of Agriculture, the Officer in charge of Government Gardens and the Economic Botanist.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether it is not a fact that the House has sanctioned the required amount for this purpose during the last session?

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: Yes, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Was not a supplementary grant asked for to meet the expenses referred to?

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MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: Yes, Sir.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Is the Honorary Organiser a greater expert than the Director of Agriculture so far as this matter is concerned?

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: It is not the business of the Director of Agriculture to cultivate gardens or to establish nursery business.

Hostels for backward communities.

41. *MR. BRAHMAPURAM P. YESUDIAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list as per communities mentioned below residing in the various hostels intended for backward communities during the year 1945-1946:

(*a*) Sambavar;
(*b*) Cheramar;
(*c*) Parayar;
(*d*) Pulayar;
(*e*) Aiyanavar;
(*f*) Sidhanar; and
(*g*) Kuravar;

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI:

(*a*) 22.
(*b*) 1.
(*c*) 5.
(*d*) 35.
(*e*) Nil.
(*f*) Nil.
(*g*) 4.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): ഹോസ്റ്റലിൽ പ്രവേശനം അനുവദിച്ചവരുടെ കൂട്ടത്തിൽ ഒൈനവർ, സിലാനാർ ഈ രണ്ടു സമുദായങ്ങളിൽപെട്ടവരിൽ നിന്നു ആരും ഉള്ളതായി കാണുന്നില്ല. അതിനു പ്രത്യേകിച്ചു വല്ല കാരണവുമുണ്ടോ?

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: വിശേഷിച്ചു കാരണമൊന്നുമില്ല.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: അവർ പിന്നോക്കസമുദായത്തിൽ ഉൾപ്പെട്ടവരല്ലേ?

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: അതെ.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: ഒൈനവർ, സിലാനാർ ഇവർ ഏതു വിഭാഗത്തിൽപെട്ടവരാണ്, ഹിന്ദുക്കളോ ക്രിസ്ത്യാനികളോ?

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: സിലാനാർ, ഒൈനവർ ഇവർ രണ്ടു സമുദായത്തിലും ഉണ്ട്. ഹിന്ദുക്കളിൽപെട്ടവരും ക്രിസ്ത്യാ

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